

Amendments to the Specification:

After the title, please insert the following subheading and paragraph:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] Applicants hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of PCT Patent Application No. PCT/EP2003/010844 filed September 30, 2003 and German Patent Application No. 102 53 906.5 filed November 19, 2002, the disclosures of which are herein incorporated by reference.

Before paragraph [0002], please insert the following subheading:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Technical Field

Before paragraph [0003], please insert the following subheading:

2. Background Art

Before paragraph [0004], please insert the following subheading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Before paragraph [0012], please insert the following subheading:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please amend paragraphs [0013] – [0019] as follows:

[0013] Figure 1 is a [[A]] perspective view at an angle from above onto a leg support arrangement connected with a base element of an operating table with the leg supports in closed position,

[0014] Figure 2 is a plan view of the arrangement according to Figure 1 with the leg supports in spread position,

[0015] Figure 3 is a view of the leg support arrangement from the foot-end with angularly adjusted leg supports,

[0016] Figure 4 is a perspective view of the arrangement illustrated in Figure 1 with one leg support swung entirely downwardly and one leg support with a downwardly folded lower leg support,

[0017] Figure 5 is a perspective illustration of the carrier structure of one leg support,

[0018] Figure 6 is a side view of the structure illustrated in Figure 5 taken in the direction of the arrow A in Figure 5 with mounted plates, and

[0019] Figure 7 is a section taken through the carrier structure along the line VII-VII in Figure 5.

Before paragraph [0020], please insert the following subheading:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Please add the following new paragraphs [0030] and [0031]:

[0030] While the present invention has been illustrated and described with respect to a particular embodiment thereof, it should be appreciated by those of ordinary skill in the art that various modifications to this invention may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the present invention.

[0031] What is claimed is: